



THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ROYTON.

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ANNUAL INTERIM REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR  
1939.

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TO THE  
Chairman and Members of the Health Committee  
of the  
URBAN DISTRICT OF ROYTON.

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration an interim Report according to the instructions of the Ministry of Health, in place of the usual Annual Report, on the Health Services of the District.

The work of the Health Department has been greatly increased by the addition of the organisation, administration, and maintenance of A.R.P Casualty Services and the many problems associated with evacuation and billeting. Many proposals for the progress of the Health Services have been postponed until after the war, particularly those schemes for the clearance and improvement of houses for the working people.

The help of the voluntary lady workers at the Child Welfare Centre is deserving of high praise and my sincere thanks are extended to them for their valuable services.

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector for the loyal and efficient services which he continues to give unreservedly especially his work with regard to the A.R.P Casualty Services.

To the Clerk, the Surveyor, and all other Officials may I offer my sincere thanks for their assistance and kindly co-operation.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

J.W. PICKUP, M.D., D.P.H.,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Acting Medical Officer of Health -

J.W. Pickup, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Sanitary Inspector -

E. Dunsmore, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.  
(whole time)

Veterinary Inspector-

Mr. Bannister in temporary capacity  
during indisposition and following  
death of R. Herbert, M.R.C.V.S.  
until 30th June, 1939.

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1 - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS  
OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres .....	2,149
Population (Census 1931) .....	16,689
Registrar-General's Estimated resident population 1939 .....	15,380
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1931) .....	4,370
End of 1939 according to the Rate books .....	4,865
Rateable value £80,213	
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£310.

(All figures according to Registrar-General)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (other than Tuberculosis)  
during the year 1939.

DISEASES	Total cases at all ages	CASES NOTIFIED												Total Deaths	Total cases removed to Hospital from Home	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to the District
		YEARS														
		Under 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 65	65 and over			
	(a)													(b)	(c)	(d)
Scarlet Fever	27	1	1	2	4	5	7	5		2					17	
Diphtheria (including Membranous Group)	2							1		1					2	
Acute Primary Pneumonia	7									3	4					1
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia																
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	1														
Erysipelas	4									1		3				
Chicken Pox	21			1		1	7	2								
TOTALS	62	2	1	3	4	6	21	8	-	3	4	7	-	-	19	1

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

Cases			Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	DEATHS
Number Notified	At Home	TREATED In Hospital				
1		1	1			



# TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1939.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
YEARS								
0 - 1								
1 - 5			1					
5 - 10				1				
10 - 15		1	1	1				
15 - 20	1		1					
20 - 25	1	2				1		
25 - 35								
35 - 45	2		1	1	1			
45 - 55	1	1			2	2		
55 - 65	3		2		1		1	
65 and ) upwards )								
TOTALS	8	4	6	3	4	3	1	-
	12		9		7		1	

## DEATHS

Causes of Death in Royton Urban District during 1939.

	MALES	FEMALES
Diphtheria	1	
Influenza		2
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	4	2
Other Tuberculosis Diseases	1	
G.P.I., Tabes. &c.	1	
Cancer, Malignant Disease	10	14
Diabetes	2	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	8	4
Heart Disease	39	54
Other Circulatory Diseases	7	7
Bronchitis		3
Pneumonia (all forms)	6	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	
Peptic Ulcer	1	1
Appendicitis		1
Other Digestive Diseases	1	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	5	4
Other Puerperal causes		1
Congenital Debility, Prematurity, ) etc. )	4	8
Suicides	2	
Senility	1	6
Other deaths from Violence	2	5
Other Defined Diseases	7	7
Diarrhoea 2 yrs. & over.		1
TOTALS	104	122

INFANTILE DEATHS AND CAUSES (Under one year)

CAUSES OF DEATHS	Under 1 week	1 and under 2 weeks	2 and under 3 weeks	3 and under 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 and under 3 months	3 and under 6 months	6 and under 9 months	9 and under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year.
Pnuemonia(all forms)								1		1
Other Respiratory Diseases	1				1					1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1				1					1
Congenital Debility ) Premature Birth ) Malformations.etc. )	7	2	1		10	1	1			12
TOTALS	9	2	1	-	12	1	1	1	-	15

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The only change in the General Provision of Health Services for the Area has been the commencement of the Diphtheria Immunization Clinic at which over 200 have been immunized. The scheme was carried out in detail according to the proposals set out in the Annual Report of 1938.

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Dr. Kershaw, Dental Surgeon to the Lancashire County Council, has kindly given advice and treatment to many babies and expectant mothers attending the Child Welfare Centre. The attendances of Royton babies, school children and mothers were 1577.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF ANTI-TOXIN.

Diphtheria anti-toxin serum is kept at the Police Station, and supplied in cases of emergency to Medical Practitioners in this District upon request at any time.

HOUSING

Statistics for the year 1939

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

- (a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) ... 108
- (1) By the Local Authority ..... 54
- (2) By other Local Authorities ..... 54
- (3) By other bodies or persons ..... 54
- (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:-
- (1) By the Local Authority ..... 54
- (2) By other bodies or persons ..... 54



Sanitary Inspector's Interim Report.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee  
of the Royton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this my Annual Report covering the year ended 31st December, 1939, which, following instructions from the Ministry of Health, has been compiled as an interim report only and confined to the more essential matters only.

1. Housing and Slum Clearance

The number of houses erected in 1939 by private enterprise was 54, and by the Local Authority 54.

2. Overcrowding

At the end of 1939 the position with regard to overcrowding had considerably improved. Thirty-three cases of overcrowding have been relieved during the year leaving a total of twenty-three houses still overcrowded as against fifty-six for the previous year.

3. Food Inspection

The regular inspection of slaughter-houses and shops resulted in a total weight of 23cwt 2cwt 17lbs. of meat being condemned.

4. Adulteration of Foodstuffs

A return, kindly, supplied by the County Police, showed the following articles to have been sampled :-  
Margarine, baking powder, ground almonds, mustard, epsom salts, and milk. All samples proved genuine.

5. Common Lodging Houses

A survey of the Common Lodging Houses was made early in the year. The Old Spread Eagle Hotel and Shoulder of Mutton in High Street, were both demolished during the year under slum clearance. Number 173 Rochdale Road, was closed, and No. 205 Oldham Road, was reported upon as being unsuitable and not registered.

6. Rat Week

National Rat Week, was observed in Royton from 6th to 11th November. Suggestions, recipes and circular letters were issued throughout the district emphasizing the importance of conserving the food supplies of the Country and to minimise the loss caused through deprivations of rats and mice.

7. Shop Inspections

Your Sanitary Inspector carried out Shop Inspections on behalf of the Lancashire County Council, for the administration of the Shop Acts, 1934.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support during the year. Also, I thank Dr. Pickup, the Medical Officer of Health, for his valuable support and co-operation at all times, the Clerk of the Council, the Surveyor, and all other members of the Staff.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. DUNSMORE.

Sanitary Inspector.

